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FORMER BANK EMPLOYEE SENTENCED FOR EMBEZZLEMENT

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that DEANA L. BERRY, 38, of Morganfield, Kentucky, was sentenced to 22 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Richard L. Young following her guilty plea to embezzlement by a bank employee. This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

BERRY plead guilty to the charge on June 18, 2003. According to facts presented in court at that time, BERRY generated approximately 40 loans for herself from Old National Bank while she worked for the bank as a commercial loan clerk and a lending systems trainer. The loans were obtained without the approval of bank officers. The bank had disbursed over

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\$1,000,000 under the loans before the scheme was discovered. Berry concealed her actions

from bank officers by manipulating the computer system.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Todd S. Shellenbarger, who prosecuted

the case for the government, Judge Young also imposed three years of supervised release

following BERRY's release from imprisonment. BERRY was also ordered to make restitution

in the approximate amount of \$216,000 to Old National Bank.

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